

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable information apparatus, comprising:
a connected state detecting section detecting a
connected state of the portable information apparatus
5 to a cradle;

a notification method deciding section deciding a
method for notifying a user of due items, based on the
connected state detected by the connected state
detecting section; and

10 a notifying section notifying the notification
method decided by the notification method deciding
section.

2. A portable information apparatus according to
claim 1, further comprising a first and second
15 terminals for connecting a terminal of the cradle,
wherein the connected state detecting section detects
which the first and second terminals is connected to
the terminal of the cradle, and

the notification method deciding section decides
20 that the notification is performed by a first
notification method when the connected state detecting
section detects that the first terminal is connected to
the terminal of the cradle and decides that the
notification is not performed when the connected state
25 detecting section detects that the second terminal is
connected to the terminal of cradle.

3. The portable information apparatus according

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to claim 2, wherein the notification method deciding
section decides that the notification is performed by a
second notification method when the connected state
detecting section detects that both of the first and
5 second terminals are not connected to the terminal of
the cradle.

4. The portable information apparatus according
to claim 3, further comprising a speaker and a
vibration control section for vibrating the portable
10 information apparatus, wherein

the first notification method is a voice output
from the speaker and the second notification method is
a vibration by the vibration control section.

5. The portable information apparatus according
15 to claim 3, further comprising a display and a
vibration control section for vibrating the portable
information apparatus, wherein

the first notification method is a display of a
message by the display and the second notification
20 method is a vibration by the vibration control section.

6. An information notifying method for a portable
information apparatus, comprising:

detecting a connected state of the portable
information apparatus to a cradle;

25 deciding a method for notifying a user of due
items, based on the connected state detected; and
notifying the notification method decided.

7. The method according to claim 6, further comprising a first and second terminals for connecting a terminal of the cradle, wherein the step of detecting detects which the first and second terminals is
5 connected to the terminal of the cradle, and

the step of deciding decides that the notification is performed by a first notification method when the step of detecting detects that the first terminal is connected to the terminal of the cradle and decides
10 that the notification is not performed when the step of detecting detects that the second terminal is connected to the terminal of cradle.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the step of deciding decides that the notification is
15 performed by a second notification method when the connected state detecting section detects that both of the first and second terminals are not connected to the terminal of the cradle.

9. The method according to claim 8, further
20 comprising a speaker and a vibration control section for vibrating the portable information apparatus, wherein

the first notification method is a voice output from the speaker and the second notification method is
25 a vibration by the vibration control section.

10. The method according to claim 8, further comprising a display and a vibration control section

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for vibrating the portable information apparatus,
wherein

the first notification method is a display of a
message by the display and the second notification
5 method is a vibration by the vibration control section.

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